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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of the Application of: S. Dueterhoeft, et al.

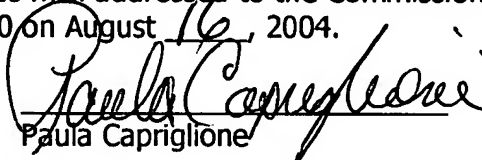
For: Electrical Contact and Connector

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REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This reply is in response to the first Office Action mailed July 23, 2004 for the above identified application. This reply is being filed within the one month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Charge any fee associated with this reply and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

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The Office has required Applicants to elect a species in the application, as defined by the examiner, as follows:

Species	Figures
I	1 – 6
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Applicants elect the species disclosed in Figures 1 – 6. At least claims 1 – 20 read on this species. The election is made without traverse and solely to expedite prosecution of the application.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 8, and 18 are generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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